

We Can Know the Truth about Jesus' Birth  
(John 8:31-32)

Introduction:

1. As we examine these statements made by our Lord, we learn that:
  - a. we can know something special -- "the truth"
  - b. "continuing in the Lord's word" is the key to knowing the truth
  - c. knowing the truth provides a wonderful blessing -- "freedom."
2. Recently we have searched the Lord's word so we can know the truth about a variety of important subjects.
3. In this lesson we are searching the Lord's word so "we can know the truth about Jesus' birth."
4. For our first point, . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE LORD'S WORD DECLARES THAT JESUS CAME TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
  - A. According to John 1:1-3, the Lord has always existed as a member of the eternal Godhead.
  - B. However, John continued by stating that Jesus came in the flesh (John 1:14).
  - C. Let us be reminded of why we need to study this subject.
    1. First, we are to grow in the knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
    2. Second, we are given a strong warning in 1 John 4:1-3.
  - D. From the Lord's word we can know the truth -- Jesus came to earth in the flesh.
- II. THE LORD'S WORD REVEALS WHEN JESUS CAME TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
  - A. Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7).
  - B. This was prophesied many years earlier in Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:3-6).
  - C. Although we do not know the exact time of the Lord's birth, we learn from Galatians 4:4 that God sent His Son when the time was right according to His time schedule.
- III. THE LORD'S WORD TEACHES US WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
  - A. He came to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-18).
  - B. He came to call sinners to repentance (Matthew 9:12-13).
  - C. He came to preach (Mark 1:38).
  - D. He came to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).
  - E. He came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).
  - F. He came to do the Father's will (John 6:38).
  - G. He came so we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).
  - H. He came to be tempted so He could serve as our High Priest (Hebrews 2:16-18).

Conclusion:

1. We have covered a number of passages that relate to the Lord's birth.
2. After He was born, Jesus grew and developed (Luke 2:52).
3. He eventually offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.
4. Have you allowed Him to save you?